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SUBJ: ICC/LAOS APPEAL FOR U.S. CONTRIBUTION

REF: VIENTIANE 4794

1. INDER L. MALIK, ICC/LAOS DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL,
CALLED AT EMBASSY JULY 15 TO MAKE OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR
EARLY PAYMENT BY USG OF BALANCE OF ITS 1975 CONTRIBUTION
(REFTEL).

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2. MALIK RETRACED RECENT FINANCIAL HISTORY, MAKING

POINT THAT DELAYED U.K. AND SOVIET CONTRIBUTIONS (SOVIET STILL NOT RECEIVED -- SEE REFTEL) HAS FORCED COMMISSION INTO EXTREMELY DIFFICULT POSITION EARLIER THIS YEAR. RECENT PAYMENTS TO LANDLORDS WERE THREE MONTHS LATE, SECRETARIAT STAFF HAD TO BE REDUCED, ETC. EVENTUAL U.K. FIRST-HALF PAYMENT AND EARLY US PAYMENT OF ABOUT 45 PERCENT OF 1975 CONTRIBUTION HAD HELPED DURING THE SPRING, BUT COMMISSION WAS NOW STRAPPED AGAIN AND WOULD HAVE TO CEASE OPERATIONS JULY 31 IF NO FURTHER FUNDS WERE FORTHCOMING. U.K. SECOND-HALF CONTRIBUTION WAS PAID IN JUNE IN RESPONSE TO URGENT ICC REQUEST, BUT ALREADY SPENT; FRANCE IS IN CREDIT WITH ICC, HAVING OVERPAID BY MISTAKE IN EARLIER YEARS, BUT LAST FRENCH MONEY WAS USED IN LATE 1974 AND EARLY 1975; SO EVERYTHING NOW DEPENDS ON SOVIETS AND US.

3. HAVING FIRST CUT SECRETARIAT STAFF, MALIK THEN RECOMMENDED THAT DELEGATIONS DO THE SAME. THUS INDIA DEFINITELY PLANS TO REPLACE FORMER CHIEF DELEGATE AND COMMISSION SEC-GEN C.R. GHAREKHAN (REFTEL) BECAUSE DELEGATION CANNOT BE WITHOUT A CHIEF OR COMMISSION WITHOUT A SEC-GEN. HOWEVER, GOI DOES NOT NOW INTEND TO REPLACE BRIGADIER R.S. PATHANIA (MILITARY ADVISOR AND CURRENTLY ACTING INDIAN CHIEF DELEGATE) WHEN HE COMPLETES 12 MONTH TOUR IN SEPTEMBER (ALTHOUGH PATHANIA IS TRYING TO EXTEND), NOR WILL MALIK HIMSELF BE REPLACED AS DEPUTY SEC-GEN WHEN HE COMPLETES TOUR LATE AUGUST/EARLY SEPTEMBER. (HE HAS BEEN NAMED DCM TO EMBASSY ALGIERS.) REDUCTIONS IN POLISH DELEGATION WERE REPORTED VIENTIANE 4239.

4. WE TOLD MALIK THAT THE ICC REQUEST WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON AND THAT WE WOULD ASK FOR EARLY REPLY.

5. MALIK (PROTECT WITH REGARD TO FOLLOWING) HAS BEEN FRIENDLY TO THIS MISSION AND WAS ONE OF SOURCES OF INFO CONTAINED REFTEL. AFTER MAKING HIS FORMAL PITCH JULY 15, HE ASKED PERMISSION TO EXPRESS PERSONAL VIEWS, WHICH WERE THAT ICC/LAOS IS NOW TOTALLY USELESS AND ITS HAND-TO-MOUTH BUDGETARY EXISTENCE EMBARRASSING. HE SAID CONFIDENTIAL

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HE FAILED TO UNDERSTAND WHY U.K. AS GENEVA CO-CHAIRMAN HAD NOT ALREADY INITIATED ACTION TO TERMINATE COMMISSION. HE SUGGESTED U.S. CONSIDER DOING SO, EITHER BY DECLINING TO MAKE ANY FURTHER CONTRIBUTION AND OFFICIALLY INFORMING CO-CHAIRMEN AND ICC MEMBER-COUNTRIES OF THAT DECISION AND REASONS THEREFOR, OR (PREFERABLY) SPECIFYING THAT SECOND-HALF CY 75 CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE OUR LAST AND MAKE DIPLOMATIC MOVE EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY -- THROUGH U.K., HE PRESUMED --

TO BRING ICC/LAOS TO A DIGNIFIED END.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: MALIK'S THINKING ACCORDS
WITH OUR OWN, AS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL AND EARLIER IN
VIENTIANE 4239. REQUEST EARLY RESPONSE TO SECRETARIAT-
GENERAL'S REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE USG SECOND-HALF CON-
TRIBUTION (47,396 POUNDS STERLING LESS THE 50,000 DOLS
ALREADY PAID IN) AND PROMPT REACTION AS WELL TO
PROPOSAL THAT U.K. BE ASKED TO INITIATE TERMINATION
OF ICC/LAOS.
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